



Idaho Crop Progress and Condition

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Cold Spring Weather

Agricultural Summary

Temperatures across the state ranged from twelve degrees below normal to one degree above normal for the week. Northern and eastern Idaho reported more snow during the week. All four regions received precipitation throughout the week. Major agricultural activities included planting spring wheat, barley, oats, sugar beets, feeding livestock, and maintaining machinery.

Soil Moisture and Days Suitable for Fieldwork

Topsoil moisture is at 4% very short, 12% short, 75% adequate, and 9% surplus. Statewide, Idaho farmers had an average of 4.4 days suitable for fieldwork last week.

Crop Progress Table

Percentages	2008	2007	Avg.
Onions Planted	99	100	89
Onions Emerged	15	53	53
Oats Planted	42	57	44
Oats Emerged	20	31	20
Field Corn Planted	2	20	7
Lentils Planted	--	19	23
Winter Wheat Jointed	--	25	12
Winter Wheat Boot Stage	--	3	1
Dry Peas Planted	7	43	41
Dry Peas Emerged	1	11	12

Field Crop Report

Cold weather has delayed growth and development of the planted crops. For example, winter wheat was at 25 percent jointed at this time last year and at zero percent this year. Statewide, barley and spring wheat are still behind the planting five year average, with North and East Idaho affected the most. Twin Falls extension educator reported that heavy winds have dried top soil and grains are in need of moisture to germinate. The Bonneville extension educator reported that soil temperatures remain cool for this time of year.

Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

Hay and roughage supplies were reported to be 31% very short, 45% short, 24% adequate, and 0% surplus. Spring calving in Idaho was 95% complete, while lambing was 94% complete.

Condition Table

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	1	9	50	38	2
Winter Wheat	--	--	9	82	9
Irr. Water Supply	--	--	23	72	5

Crop Progress District Table

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg	2008	2007	Avg
Spring Wheat															
Planted	20	62	50	99	96	89	94	98	94	31	64	49	38	69	57
Emerged	1	17	15	84	73	67	43	61	53	1	40	21	8	38	26
Barley															
Planted	13	56	41	99	98	83	81	98	88	25	49	26	39	62	43
Emerged	1	19	14	82	90	69	17	61	48	1	37	9	7	42	20
Potatoes															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	46	26	34	31	48	26	1	5	3	11	17	11
Sugarbeets															
Planted	NA	NA	NA	85	99	86	65	97	84	26	79	76	61	92	83
Emerged	NA	NA	NA	16	22	48	4	45	22	--	6	5	5	33	24

Avg (2003 - 2007); NA = Very small percentage of acreage in district.

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Weather Data for the Week Ending Sunday, April 20, 2008 ^{1/}

Station	Weekly Air Temperature				Weekly Precipitation		Since Mar 1 Precipitation		Growing Degree Days Since March 1		
	Hi	Lo	Av g	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Total Inches	DFN	Base 40 Total	Base 50 Total	Base 50 DFN
North											
Coeur D' Alene	74	25	42	-7	0.40	0.05	3.00	-0.40	50	7	-17
Grangeville	68	25	39	-7	1.06	0.43	4.64	0.49	55	5	-13
Lewiston	82	30	49	-3	0.01	-0.27	0.89	-0.94	278	38	-36
Porthill	76	19	42	-5	0.28	-0.07	1.36	-1.01	53	6	-3
Winchester	64	20	36	-7	0.30	-0.33	3.40	-0.88	28	2	2
Southwest											
Boise	75	27	46	-4	0.02	-0.26	1.67	-0.46	174	24	-44
Emmett	79	24	47	-4	0.00	-0.28	1.47	-0.61	123	18	-53
Glenns Ferry	76	28	46	-4	0.01	-0.13	1.24	-0.19	133	20	-66
Grandview	81	24	47	-6	0.02	-0.12	0.58	-0.55	157	23	-76
Nampa	78	29	46	-7	0.00	-0.21	1.14	-0.55	168	25	-70
Parma	72	28	46	-5	0.02	-0.19	0.88	-0.92	189	21	-49
South Central											
Fairfield	51	13	31	-12	0.05	-0.23	0.90	-1.06	0	0	-6
Malta	77	22	44	-4	0.19	-0.02	0.78	-0.63	68	10	-49
Picabo	68	20	39	-4	0.01	-0.20	0.76	-1.01	27	1	-12
Rupert	79	22	43	-4	0.00	-0.21	0.57	-0.80	71	14	-30
Twin Falls	79	24	44	-4	0.02	-0.19	0.86	-0.81	91	16	-34
East											
Aberdeen	76	22	43	-2	0.00	-0.21	0.40	-0.86	49	5	-30
Ashton	53	13	35	-7	0.10	-0.25	1.40	-1.14	6	0	-7
Fort Hall	77	22	44	-2	0.00	-0.28	0.68	-1.11	56	5	-37
Idaho Falls	75	25	45	1	0.03	-0.20	0.64	-0.80	55	7	-27
Lava Hot Springs	69	20	43	-3	0.04	-0.24	1.52	-0.27	42	4	-38
Montevideo	73	21	42	-3	0.02	-0.19	0.20	-0.96	29	1	-27
Preston	71	20	46	0	0.00	-0.28	0.60	-1.34	80	10	-39
Rexburg	70	25	41	-1	0.01	-0.27	0.93	-0.80	26	0	-18

1/ Summary based on NWS data. DFN = Departure From Normal. Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Air Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. Weather data prepared by AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.

